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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed 4/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-13 and 15-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 April 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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- ✓ 7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Oath/Declaration

The substitute declaration filed April 12, 2005 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information referred to in the information disclosure statement filed April 12, 2005 has been considered.

Drawings

The formal drawings filed April 12, 2005 are approved.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-13 and 15-22 are allowed.

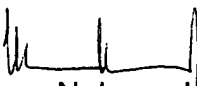
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday, and alternate Fridays 5:30-3:00.

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